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MILITARY ACTIVITY
ROUTE 65, LAOS

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REVEAL A CONTINUING REDEPLOYMENT OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 65 IN NORTHEASTERN LAOS. MANY CAMPS, NOT CONCEALED IN PART BY TREE CANOPY OR BY KARST CLIFFS, ARE BEING DISMANTLED AND MANY OF THE REMAINING AREAS ARE BEING CAMOUFLAGED AND IN SOME CASES EXPANDED. AAA DEFENSE IS BEING STRENGTHENED IN THE BAN NAKAY NEUA AREA AND PLACED ALONG ROUTE 65 IN THE KANG PABONG AREA. THE PRESENCE OF A HIGH NUMBER OF STAGING/BARRACKS/STORAGE AREAS ALONG ROUTE 65, AND THE WELL TRAVELED APPEARANCE OF THE ROUTE IN CONTRAST TO THE LITTLE-TO-MODERATELY USED APPEARANCE OF ROUTE 6 FROM THE JUNCTION OF ROUTE 6 AND 65 EASTWARD, IMPLY THAT ROUTE 65 IS THE PRIME ROUTE BEING USED TO SUPPLY MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE SAM NEUA AREA.

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[REDACTED] REVEALS NUMEROUS AREAS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 65. THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS SEVENTEEN SUCH AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

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1. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2027N 10411E) ONE NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF BAN NA THENE AND JUST SOUTH OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS AT LEAST SIX LARGE BUILDINGS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY. ONE UTILITY TRUCK IS PARKED PARTIALLY ACROSS ROUTE 65, 0.1 NM NORTHWEST OF AREA.
2. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2025N 10413E) 0.4 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF BAN NONG KOU AND JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN LARGE BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY TREE CANOPY.

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3. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2022N 10416E) 0.3 NM NORTHEAST OF NA VIT TEU CONTAINS AT LEAST THIRTY-NINE BUILDINGS (SOME OF WHICH ARE CAMOUFLAGED), APPROXIMATELY FIVE PROBABLE POL DRUMS IN THE CENTER OF THE AREA, A POSSIBLE REVETTED STORAGE AREA AND POSSIBLE CAVE STORAGE IN AN ADJACENT CLIFF.

4. A POSSIBLE BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2022N 10416E) 0.2 NM SOUTHEAST OF NA VIT NEUA CONTAINS NINE LARGE BUILDINGS AND SEVERAL SMALL MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS. HEAVY TRACK ACTIVITY ADJACENT TO AREA AND IN FRONT OF A CLIFF JUST WEST OF AREA INDICATES POSSIBLE CAVE STORAGE.

5. A STORAGE AREA (2022N 10417E) 0.6 NM SOUTHEAST OF NA VIT NEUA AND IMMEDIATELY NORTHEAST OF HOUA THONG CONTAINS TWELVE LARGE BUILDINGS (MOST OF WHICH ARE CAMOUFLAGED), SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS, MINOR TRENCHING, AND POSSIBLE CAVE STORAGE IN CLIFFS ADJACENT TO AREA.

6. TWO SEPARATE STORAGE AREAS (2022N 10416E) ADJACENT TO A CLIFF IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF XIENG LOUANG CONTAIN AT LEAST TEN SMALL STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND PROBABLE CAVE STORAGE. ONE CARGO TRUCK IS OBSERVED IN AREA.

7. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2021N 10418E) 0.2 NM SOUTHEAST OF XIENG LOUANG CONTAINS A TOTAL OF TWELVE LARGE BUILDINGS (ONE OF WHICH IS CAMOUFLAGED), AND SEVERAL SMALL MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS. TWO CARGO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED IN A VEHICLE HOLDING AREA PARTIALLY OBSCURED

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BY TREE CANOPY IMMEDIATELY EAST-NORTHEAST OF AREA. POSSIBLE CAVE STORAGE IS OBSERVED NEAR THE VEHICLE HOLDING AREA.

8. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2020N 10419E) 0.2 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF NA KHAO AND JUST SOUTH OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE CAMOUFLAGED AND EIGHT BUILDINGS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY AND AN ADJACENT POSSIBLE OPEN STORAGE AREA. A SMALL POSSIBLE MILITARY CAMP ADJACENT TO AREA IS BEING DISMANTLED, AND AN ADJACENT POSSIBLE MILITARY CAMP HAS BEEN DISMANTLED.

9. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2020N 10420E) IS LOCATED 0.5 NM EAST OF NA KHAO AND ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 65. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 65 A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA CONTAINS AT LEAST TWENTY-EIGHT BUILDINGS WHICH ARE CAMOUFLAGED AND/OR PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE FOLIAGE, AND ADJACENT PROBABLE CAVE STORAGE. ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 65 A BARRACKS AREA CONTAINS TEN PROBABLY CAMOUFLAGED BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS AND ONE PROBABLY CAMOUFLAGED T-SHAPED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. (FACILITIES ON NORTH SIDE NOT OBSERVED DUE TO SEMI-DARKNESS).

10. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2020N 10420E) 0.3 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF BAN KHO AND JUST SOUTH OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS SIX BUILDINGS (FOUR OF WHICH ARE CAMOUFLAGED AND/OR PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE COVER).

11. A PROBABLE REST/REFUEL AREA (2019N 10423E) IS LOCATED 0.2 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF SOM POY AND JUST SOUTH OF ROUTE 65. A HEAVILY TRAVELED ACCESS ROAD LEADS FROM ROUTE 65 TO AN AREA OF DENSE TREE CANOPY.

NO BUILDINGS OR VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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12. TWO OCCUPIED FIVE-GUN LIGHT AAA SITES ARE LOCATED 0.4 NM WEST OF AREA 13 AT 20-19-31N 104-24-51E AT UTM VH388475.

13. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2019N 10425E) 0.5 NM EAST OF KANG PABONG AND JUST SOUTH AND WEST OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS AT LEAST NINE BUILDINGS PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY TREE CANOPY. A CAMOUFLAGED OCCUPIED FIVE-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE IS LOCATED 0.1 NM WEST OF AREA AT UTM VH393472.

14. A MILITARY CAMP (2018N 10428E) 4.1 NM EAST OF KANG PABONG AND JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 65 IS BEING DISMANTLED. CAMP CONTAINS SEVEN LARGE BUILDINGS, NUMEROUS BUILDING SCARS AND AN ADJACENT UNOCCUPIED FIVE-GUN AAA SITE.

15. A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA (2018N 10435E) 0.8 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF BAN NA MANG AND JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN CAMOUFLAGED BUILDINGS.

A BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA 0.1 NM NORTHEAST OF BAN NA MANG AND JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS FOUR LARGE AND ONE SMALL BUILDING.
(NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC)

16. A PROBABLE CHECKPOINT (2017N 10436E) 0.6 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF MUONG DAI ON EITHER SIDE OF ROUTE 65 CONSISTS OF ONE PROBABLE INSPECTION BUILDING, ONE PROBABLE BARRACKS BUILDING, AND ONE PROBABLY OCCUPIED AW POSITION ON THE HILLSIDE ADJACENT TO CAMP.

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17. A REST AND REFUEL AREA (2017N 10439E) 1.9 NM EAST OF MUONG DAI AND JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 65 CONTAINS SEVERAL VEHICLE PARKING AREAS CUT OUT OF THE SURROUNDING VEGETATION. TWO PROBABLE VEHICLES ARE OBSERVED.

ALSO ANNOTATED ON GRAPHIC ARE BAN NA THENE VEHICLE PARKS (SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-0410), BAN NAKAY NEUA STAGING AREA (SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-0354), AND MUONG DAI STAGING AREA (SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-0408).

AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY [REDACTED], LAZY DAISY, LUCKY DRAGON, TROJAN HORSE, AND [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY.

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